GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6682
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2002
HIGHER PRICE OF COMMODITIES IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of various essential commodities are higher in North-Eastern States when compared to other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to bring down the prices in North Eastern States ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A statement showing the retail prices of essential commodities as on May 3, 2002 in North-Eastern States and other metropolitan cities of the country is given in Annexure. The marginal difference in prices of some essential commodities is mainly due to higher transportation cost involved in moving the commodities to North-Eastern region.

(c) : The prevailing prices of essential commodities in the North-Easternregion are comparable with prices in other parts of the country. Essential Commodities like wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene are supplied at below market prices through the public distribution system. The State Governments as well as the Central government are closelymonitoring the prices of essential commodities on daily and weekly basis and appropriate measures are taken to control the prices, if need arises.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.6682 FOR 10/5/2002

RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN SELECTED CENTRES OF NORTH-EASTERN STATES AND IN OTHER METROPOLITAN CITIES AS ON 3.5.2002

(Rs.per kg.)

Commodity	Agartala	Aizwal	Guwahati	Shillong	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Kolkata	Hyderabad	Bangalore
Rice	9.50	13.40	9.00	10.00	12.00	13.50	10.00	10.00	9.50	10.00
Wheat	NR	8.00	NR	10.00	7.50	11.50	11.00	NR	9.50	12.00
Gram dal	23.50	26.80	22.00	25.00	23.00	27.50	23.00	24.00	22.00	23.00
Tur dal	25.00	30.00	24.00	25.00	26.00	25.00	26.00	25.00	23.00	33.00
Sugar	19.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	15.50	16.50	14.30	16.50	15.00	16.00
Groundnut oil	NT	NT	NT	NT	74.00	45.00	46.00	64.00	46.00	43.00
Mustard oil	44.00	41.00	39.00	36.00	40.00	60.00	NR	40.00	48.00	NT
Vanaspati	47.00	48.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	40.00	43.00	38.00	40.00	44.00
Tea (loose)	80.00	92.00	70.00		120.00	115.00	130.00	120.00	80.00	100.00 196.00
Potato	10.00	8.50	7.00	5.00	7.00	9.50	7.00	5.50	7.00	8.00
Onion	10.00	7.25	7.00	7.00	6.00	7.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
Salt (packed)	5.00	6.75	NR	6.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00

NR = Not Reported. : Refined oil. :Three Roses NT : Not Traded.
Source ; State Civil Supplies Departments